ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION

Nonrule Policy ATC #27

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- 3. AUTHORIZED: Jessica Allen, Chair
- 4. SUPERSEDES: New
- **5. SUBJECT:** The purpose of this nonrule policy is to provide guidance to members of local alcoholic beverage boards established under IC 7.1-2-4 regarding certain ethical requirements.
- **6. SCOPE:** As special state appointees, local board members must be trained in the code of ethics and must complete ethics training within six weeks of hire or appointment and at least once every two years thereafter under 42 IAC 1-4-1.

7. POLICY:

- 7.1. The Indiana code of ethics is set forth in <u>IC 4-2-6</u> and <u>42 IAC</u> and sets ethical standards for the official conduct of current and former officers, employees, and special state appointees of the executive branch in the state of Indiana.
- 7.2. As special state appointees, local board members are subject to the code of ethics and the jurisdiction of the Indiana Office of Inspector General (OIG), who is charged with enforcing the ethics rules and addressing fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, and wrongdoing in state government.
- 7.3. Pursuant to <u>42 IAC 1-4-1</u>, all state employees, state officers, and special state appointees in the executive branch must be trained in the code of ethics and must complete the OIG ethics training within six weeks of hire or appointment and at least once every two years thereafter.
- 7.4. In order to comply with the code of ethics training requirement, it is the policy of the commission that all local board members are required to complete the OIG ethics training as a part of their initial training certification under IC 7.1-2-4-13.5(c)(6). Failure to comply with the state ethics training requirements may result in the removal of a local board member for good cause under IC 7.1-2-4-21.

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